

House Bill 1096

By: Representative Stephens of the 164th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 31-7-172 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 definitions applicable to the "Georgia Hospice Law," so as to define the term clergy for the
3 purpose of authorizing certain persons to participate as members of hospice care teams; to
4 provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
5 other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 31-7-172 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions
9 applicable to the "Georgia Hospice Law," is amended by adding a new paragraph as follows:

10 "(2.1) 'Clergy' includes, in addition to other persons recognized as clergy by rules of the
11 department, an individual representative of a specific spiritual belief who has
12 documentation of ordination or commission by a recognized faith group and who has
13 completed at least four years of study and received a Bachelor of Ministry degree at a
14 college accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of
15 Colleges and Schools."

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
18 without such approval.

19 **SECTION 3.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.